



Arizona Peace Officers Memorial Service

Monday, May 3, 2010

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Yes, the bagpipes have called us here.

They have called us to pay tribute to our finest -- to our fallen.

And, we have come, in their names, to salute their sacrifice ...

-- to acclaim their courage,

-- to praise their noble service.

My earnest prayer is that those who come with personal grief, will be comforted with the knowledge that we are gathering this evening to rededicate ourselves to being worthy of all the heroes whose memories are here with us, beside us, and in our hearts.

With the trust and respect of a grateful community, they provided protection and service -- and then laid down their lives so that we can live in peace and safety and comfort.

As Governor, as a wife and mother, I also pray that we will have countless days and nights without guns or blood or tears -- that the badges here shine bright -- and then head safely home to their families.

Those whose names are on this Peace Officers' Memorial gave the last full measure of devotion for their community.

We know God's hands brought them home -- holding high the glory of their valor -- for those whose SAFETY they protected.

Thank you. May God bless you, and your families, and may God bless all those who keep us safe.